

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A computerized method for analyzing inventory information using time frames, the method comprising the 4-steps of:
- determining estimated sales projections for ~~one or more~~ individual items in a particular time frame, wherein each individual item has a corresponding time frame;
 - adjusting the corresponding time frame for a particular individual item if the estimated sales projection for the particular individual item does not exceed a minimum criteria;
 - collecting sales data for said ~~one or more~~ individual items in said particular corresponding time frame frames;
 - analyzing sales data collected for said ~~one or more~~ individual items in said particular corresponding time frame frames with said estimated sales projections for said ~~one or more~~ individual items in said particular corresponding time frame frames; and
 - notifying an interested party or a system regarding any items of said ~~one or more~~ individual items in said particular corresponding time frame frames that have performed unexpectedly versus said estimated sales projections.
2. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of: storing results of said analysis of said sales data collected for said one or more items in said particular time frame with said estimated sales projections for said one or 3 more items in said particular time frame using a processor.

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completely obvious step

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doesn't make sense b/c there is only 1 sale of the item.

3. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said estimated sales projections in said particular time frame are derived using a processor from sales trends and sales projection data over a time duration that exceeds said particular time frame.

4. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said sales data for said one or more items in said particular time frame is collected in a substantially real-time manner using a processor.

5. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 4, wherein said sales data for said one or more items in said particular time frame is collected by an on-line inventory database.

6. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said sales data for said one or more items in said particular time frame is collected in a batch manner using a processor.

7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said sales data collected for said one or more items in said particular time frame using a processor and said estimated sales projections for said one or more items in said particular time frame are analyzed by a statistical analysis tool.

9. (original) The method as recited in claim 8, wherein said statistical analysis tool is a Poisson distribution.

10. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said sales data collected for said one or more items in said particular time frame and said estimated sales projections for said one or more items in said particular time frame are analyzed by an absolute comparison using a processor.

11. (original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said interested party is notified regarding any items of said one or more items in said particular time frame that have performed unexpectedly versus said estimated sales projections by e-mail

12. (original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said interested party is notified ¹ regarding any items of said one or more items in said particular time frame that have ² performed unexpectedly versus said estimated sales projections by paging.

13. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of: ~~1~~ generating a report regarding any items of said one or more items in said particular time frame that have performed unexpectedly versus said estimated sales projections using a processor.

14-39. (withdrawn)

40. (new) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein a threshold for triggering the notifying step is not based on a model pattern for a group of individual items.

A2B 41. (new) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said corresponding time frames are independent of each other.

42. (new) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the minimum criteria is that the sales projection for the particular individual item is statistically relevant.
